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# Annotated provisional agenda

## Opening of the session

The forty-sixth session of the Board will be opened by the Acting President of the Board, H.E. Ms. Faouzia Mebarki (Algeria).

### Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. However, at the forty-fifth session, the Board decided to suspend rule 23, paragraph 3, and Appendix A with regard to the rotation of officers of the Board within a five-year cycle (IDB.45/Dec.1). In line with this decision, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the African States included in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States in List A, the States included in List B and the States included in List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List C.

### Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.45/Dec.17 and updated to reflect mandates emanating from the seventeenth session of the General Conference and the thirty-fourth session of the Programme and Budget Committee, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.46/1.

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.46/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.46/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.46/CRP.1)

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**Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2017**

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization.

The annual report was presented through the thirty-fourth session of the Programme and Budget Committee to the current session of the Board due to the reduction of the number of sessions of the Board in non-General Conference years (decision IDB.39/Dec.7 (f)), and in line with the practice established in 2012. Annotations in relation to the annual report and its content were contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the Committee session (PBC.34/1/Add.1).

In line with Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution and decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States already delivered statements, which included information on their activities related to the work of the Organization, at the thirty-fourth session of the Committee. With a view to enhancing the debate on the item, Member States are requested to bear in mind the statements already delivered at the Committee and to focus their interventions on any further developments of note.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2017* (including programme performance report) (IDB.46/2)
- Integrated results and performance framework: definition of indicators and setting of targets. Update by the Secretariat (PBC.34/CRP.2)
- UNIDO support in fostering the local pharmaceutical industry in developing countries. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.46/CRP.9)

**Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee**

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative". The report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-fourth session is reflected in document IDB.46/9. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the Committee (PBC.34/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

**4 (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2017**

- Conclusion 2018/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2017 (IDB.46/3)
- Annexes to the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2017, presented in accordance with United Nations System Accounting Standards for the year ended 31 December 2017 (unaudited) (PBC.34/CRP.3)

**4 (b) Financial situation of UNIDO**

- Conclusion 2018/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/4)
- Update on financial figures. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.46/CRP.2)
- Cost-savings, synergies and efficiencies created through the use of the United Nations Resident Coordinator system. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.46/CRP.3)

- Working Capital Fund — regulatory framework and guidelines for withdrawals. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.34/CRP.6)
- Digital Records. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.34/CRP.8)

**4 (c) Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues**

- Conclusion 2016/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Report of the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-chairs (IDB.46/5)
- Update since 20 June 2018. Note by the Co-chairs (IDB.46/CRP.4)

**4 (d) Mobilization of financial resources**

- Conclusion 2018/5 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/6)
- Funding for technical cooperation activities. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2017* (IDB.46/2, chapter 7 "Managing UNIDO services")
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds, and other voluntary contributions in 2017 (PBC.34/CRP.5)

**4 (e) General risk management**

- General risk management. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/7*)

**4 (f) Updated medium-term investment plan**

- Medium-term investment plan 2018–2021. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/8)

**Item 5. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

At its sixteenth session, the General Conference requested the Director General to "develop and implement strategies to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets", and to "report to Member States on UNIDO's contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" and to regularly report on the implementation of the resolution, starting with the forty-fourth session of the Industrial Development Board.

At its seventeenth session, the General Conference adopted resolution GC.17/Res.5, in which it invited the Director General to take special account of the needs of LDCs and to enhance international multi-stakeholder cooperation, with the focus on industrialization particularly through productive capacity-building, aiding as a dynamic force for structural transformation of LDCs' economies with an aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and SDG 9 in particular.

The documentation under this item will therefore provide up-to-date information on UNIDO's work within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will also report on the activities related to LDCs.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/10)
- UNIDO technical cooperation programmes, projects and tools contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (IDB.46/CRP.5)

**Item 6. United Nations Development System reform**

The inclusion of this supplementary item has been proposed by the Director General in accordance with rules 11 and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Industrial Development Board. It addresses the interest expressed by Member States in the ongoing reform of the United Nations Development System (UNDS). On 21 December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 71/243 on the Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. Guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations reform aims to deliver effective support to countries for sustainable, equitable and accountable development under national ownership and leadership. In June 2017, the United Nations Secretary-General launched his first report on repositioning UNDS. The report contained a system-wide mapping of the UNDS current functions and capacities. The second report of the Secretary-General, released in December 2017, elaborated on the proposals noted in his June 2017 report. On 31 May 2018, the General Assembly adopted resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of UNDS. Under this item, the Director General will report to the Board on UNIDO's engagement with and positioning within the UNDS reform.

The Board will have before it:

- United Nations Development System reform. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/11)

**Item 7. UNIDO activities in energy and the environment**

The inclusion of this supplementary item follows resolution GC.17/Res.4, in which the General Conference requested the Director General to strengthen the implementation and efficiency of UNIDO programmes co-financed by the Global Environment Facility, the Multilateral Fund for Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, bilateral donors and multi-donor initiatives in industry-related energy and environment fields, with a results-based approach and giving particular attention to the developmental impact of these programmes in the field, including the capacity-building and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, required to create conditions for more sustainable patterns of production and to report on these projects and programmes to the Industrial Development Board in such a way that they can serve as a model for future projects and programmes.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in energy and the environment. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/12)

**Item 8. Sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries**

The inclusion of this supplementary item follows resolution GC.17/Res.6, in which the General Conference requested the Director General to identify and discuss with Member States a strategic framework for collaboration of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, with middle-income countries aiming at facilitating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in this group of countries as part of a more comprehensive United Nations system-wide approach and to submit proposals on such a strategy to the forty-sixth session of the Industrial Development Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Strategic framework for partnering with middle-income countries. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/13)

**Item 9. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit**

In accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following documents:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/14)
- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the Director General (IDB.46/CRP.10)

**Item 10. Addressing recommendations of the JIU review of management and administration in UNIDO**

At its forty-fifth session, the Board considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on the review of management and administration in UNIDO (IDB.45/14/Add.1) and comments of the Director General thereon (IDB.45/14/Add.2). Further to this, the Board requested the Director General to implement the recommendations addressed to him within existing resources, and to provide a progress report to the Industrial Development Board at its forty-sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit review of management and administration in UNIDO. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/15)

**Item 11. UNIDO Independent Audit Advisory Committee**

By decision IDB.44/Dec.4, the Board established the UNIDO Independent Audit Advisory Committee. The terms of reference annexed to that decision further specify that "the Audit Committee shall submit an annual report to the Board containing the Committee's advice and self-assessment of its effectiveness and compliance with these terms of reference." Furthermore, the terms of reference specify that the "report will be presented to the Board with any comments from the Director General and/or the Management Response".

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Report of the Audit Advisory Committee. Report by the Chair (IDB.46/16)
- Report of the Audit Advisory Committee. Management response (IDB.46/16/Add.1)

**Item 12. Internal oversight activities**

With its decision IDB.44/Dec.3, the Board mandated the establishment of an effective, and functionally and operationally independent Office of Internal Oversight. Based on the same decision, the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight will submit the annual report on internal oversight activities to the Board for its consideration. Audit reports will be made available for Member States on the Extranet, when issued throughout the year. These reports will include management responses, as stipulated in the Board decision.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Internal oversight activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.46/17)

**Item 13. Evaluation activities**

By decision IDB.29/Dec.7, the Board requested the Secretariat to report on evaluation activities on a biennial basis.

The Board will have before it:

- Evaluation activities. Note by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.46/18)

**Item 14. Personnel matters**

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/19)
- Personnel matters. Annexes to the report by the Director General (IDB.46/CRP.6)
- List of UNIDO staff. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.46/CRP.7)

**Item 15. UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women**

At its seventeenth session, the General Conference inter alia called for gender mainstreaming to be scaled up and efforts to be strengthened to achieve gender parity in the staffing of the Organization (resolution GC.17/Res.3). In this regard, the Board will be informed of the recent participatory review of the UNIDO Policy on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2015) and the UNIDO Strategy on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, 2016–2019 (GC.16/8) and resulting recommendations. The documentation under this item will also contain information on measures to improve the gender balance in UNIDO.

Therefore, the Board will have before it:

- UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/20).

**Item 16. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations**

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference. Furthermore, in decision IDB.45/Dec.16, the Board approved a set of procedures for reviewing the applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status with UNIDO. As part of this decision, the Board also requested the Secretariat to review the consultative status of non-governmental organizations and report to the Board at its forty-sixth session on this matter.

The Board will therefore have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required and:

- Review of the consultative status of non-governmental organizations. Report by the Secretariat (IDB.46/21)
- Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status. Note by the Director General (IDB.46/23)

**Item 17. Date and place of the eighteenth session of the General Conference**

At its seventeenth session, the General Conference decided in its decision GC.17/Dec.21 to request the Director General to undertake the necessary consultations with any Member States expressing interest to host the eighteenth session of the Conference, with particular regards to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. It also delegated to the Industrial Development Board, in accordance with Article 8 (2) (b) and Article 8 (4) of the Constitution of UNIDO, the authority to consider and determine at its forty-sixth session the venue and date of the eighteenth session of the General Conference.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Date and place of the eighteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director General (IDB.46/22)

**Item 18. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-seventh session**

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the forty-seventh session. Note by the Director General (IDB.46/CRP.8)

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2019:

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| 14–16 May 2019 | Programme and Budget Committee thirty-fifth session |
| 25–27 June 2019 (tentative) | Industrial Development Board forty-seventh session |
| 2–6 December 2019 (tentative) | General Conference eighteenth session |

**Item 19. Adoption of the report**

In accordance with rule 71, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.